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For: HOLLOW TUBE BODY FOR MEDICAL) **Mail Stop AF**
TOOL AND A CATHETER INTO WHICH)
THE HOLLOW TUBE BODY IS)
INCORPORATED)

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(i), Applicants respectfully bring to the attention of the Examiner and the United States Patent Office the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

The listed documents were cited in an Office Action of corresponding Chinese Patent Application No. 200410043439.9.

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Respectfully submitted,

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